

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 to 18 and 21 to 24. The Examiner rejected claims 19 and 20. In order to expedite prosecution, applicants will not contest the rejection of claims 19 and 20. Applicants hereby cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application. It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance.

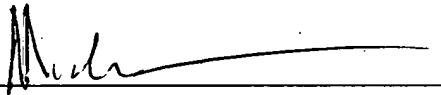
Applicants have also submitted herewith substitute formal drawings. The primary difference in these drawings relates to Figure 11 which is now presented in proper line format as opposed to a solid element format used in the original Figure 11

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that this case be passed onto issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Submission of Formal Replacement Drawings